

RUSSIANS HAVE NOT
GIVEN UP HOPE YET.

Not Yet Prepared to Acknowledge Defeat at 203-Metre Hill—War Office Realizes that the Position is Extremely Critical—Russians Left Heaps of Dead Bodies Scattered About the Battlefield.

St Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The war office here is not yet prepared to accept the report that the Japanese before Port Arthur have taken 23-Metre hill, but it is subsequently officially confirmed the war office admits that it will be a desperate blow for the gallant defenders of the fortress. The position commands the harbor and if the Japanese can mount siege guns on its summit they can force the Russian squadron or destroy it at its anchorage. Those familiar with the supporting plans of the forts think it is by no means certain that even though the Russians are forced to retire from 23-Metre hill the Japanese can place in position heavy guns against the Russian position and the Russian army will be in a position to attack the Japanese from the rear. Still the war office officials reluctantly agree that such a breach in the chain renders the position extremely critical and though the garrison might be able to hold out in the Golden Hill, Tiger's Tail and Lion's Head for some time, it may mark the beginning of the end. The war office is convinced that with the approach of the Russian second Pacific squadron the Japanese factor was absolutely vital, thus counting for the reckless sacrifice of life in order to secure a position directly commanding the harbor.

UNIVERSALLY COMMENDED.

St Petersburg, Dec. 1.—There is universal commendation of the promptness with which Russia accepted the American arbitration treaty proposal but beyond expressions of satisfaction at the fact that it will bind the two countries closer together the papers indulged in little comment, the only exception being the Bourse Gazette, which declares the understanding will dispel the falsehoods regarding American-Russian relations. Russia's victory in the far east, the paper contends, is just as necessary for the United States as for Russia's ally, France, and her friend, Germany. Mutual ties between France, the United States and Russia, argues the Bourse Gazette, will tend to isolate Great Britain, the real breeder of international strife whose jingo ambitions, the paper declares, are the real menace to the peace of the world.

HEAPS OF DEAD BODIES.

Tokio, Dec. 1, 10 a. m.—The Imperial army headquarters announces that the Japanese troops besieging Port Arthur are in possession of 203 Metre Hill. The following dispatch has been given out:

"The army commenced a bombardment against 203 Metre Hill at dawn November 30, and made several charges before 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Owing to the enemy's stubborn resistance the charges failed. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon our force advanced against the southeastern portion of the hill, made a fierce charge and reached within 3 metres of the summit. At 7 o'clock with reinforcements we charged to the top, which was occupied by our forces. Against the northeastern part of the hill we also charged, and at 8 o'clock the entire fort on the summit fell into our hands."

"The Russians left heaps of dead bodies on the eastern side of the hill, but we have had no time to investigate further."

RECEIVED WITH CHEERS.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—General Nogai's telegram announcing the storming and capture of "203-Metre hill" was received with cheers by the Japanese people. It revives the hope of an early capture of Port Arthur, the people have never despaired of the success of the besiegers, but the fortitude of the defenders and the prolongation of the siege which exceeds by months the most liberal preliminary estimate of the time required to accomplish the reduction of the fortress has been a source of deep regret, combined with the loss of life and disappointments over the fact that the siege has occupied such a large force of men, decreasing the strength of the Japanese army at a time when he needed every available man.

Today was the date set under the subscription act, when recruits could join the army. Cheered by the news from General Nogai, thousands of recruits throughout the empire marched to barracks and donned uniforms for the first time. Following on the heels of the recruits, the recruits carrying flags and banners escorted the new soldiers to their barracks. In Tokio to-day there have been scores of little processions escorting detachments of popular conscripts. The number of men who have joined the colors to-day under this subscription act has not been made public.

REPORTS FROM TOKIO.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—Manchurian headquarters reports as follows: "At midnight yesterday a body of the enemy's infantry attacked Macananzu mountain. Our troops repulsed them. Japanese scouts dispatched to Liuchang-tan encountered and repulsed a body of the enemy and succeeded in discharging the duties required of them. A Japanese force in the neighborhood of Hailuochang, on the night of November 29, in the afternoon of November 28 a body of the enemy consisting of infantry and cavalry advanced on Slantizhatun heights. We repulsed them at about 7 in the evening. The same day at 4 in the afternoon the enemy's cavalry and artillery attacked Suchiatou. Our fire drove them back. The same day our force caused some losses to the enemy's infantry and cavalry appearing north of Chentzuin."

SOCIALIST MANIFESTO.

Paris, Dec. 1.—The socialist leader, M. Jaures, today made public the text of a manifesto of the revolutionary so-

cialist and other opposition parties in Russia which he says was issued simultaneously throughout Europe. The manifesto is signed by representatives of the various revolutionary and socialist parties of the empire, particularly in European Russia, Poland and Finland, who recently have been holding secret meetings. The manifesto leaves the individual parties free to pursue their own methods of opposition to the government, but pledges the union of all the elements of the opposition to secure "the abolition of autocracy and the substitution of a democratic system based upon universal suffrage, the revocation of the measures destructive of the constitution of Finland and the suppression of the violence of the central government against various sections of the empire."

The manifesto closes as follows: "The parties represented herewith unite their efforts for the purpose of hastening the inevitable fall of absolutism."

M. Jaures says that the uniting of the opposition parties is part of the movement for the adoption of a democratic institution in Russia which he declares will be the most important historical achievement since the French revolution.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—Reports from the Japanese army outside of Port Arthur say that Lieutenant General Thunthiya and General Makamura are among the wounded.

THE SEVENTH TIME.

General Diaz Inaugurated President of Mexico To-Day.

City of Mexico, Mex., Dec. 1.—The inauguration of General Porfirio Diaz as president of the republic of Mexico for the seventh time and of Senator Don Ramon Corral as first vice president took place today in the hall of the chamber of deputies under most auspicious circumstances.

Preparations for the inauguration have been going on ever since the election June 7 last, but have actively extended over a period of about a fortnight, beginning with the grand ball given in honor of President and Madame Diaz November 20, which was attended by the Mexican and Spanish aristocracy of the capital.

At sunrise today, all the artillery stationed in the federal district, and also the infantry here and at barracks throughout the republic, fired a presidential salute, and flags were hoisted over all public buildings.

The principal streets and residences and edifices were decorated profusely with arches and national flags, freely interspersed with the flags of foreign nations. One of the features of the street decorations were two allegorical arches over the Paseo de La Reforma, the principal street of the capital, representing "Peace" and "Glory."

These arches were greatly admired on account of their artistic construction.

There was a huge procession, at the head of which rode many members of the local police force. The pageant was made up of thousands of federal troops, the reserves, bands, societies, political organizations and many prominent political personages, including the governors of the states comprised in the union. The procession proceeded to the hall of congress where amid great enthusiasm the president and vice president were formally notified of their election and took the oath of allegiance. After an exchange of congratulations between the president and the governors, the foreign diplomatic representatives and the prominent citizens who had received invitations went to a reviewing stand where they witnessed the passing of the procession en route to the castle of Chapultepec, where it was disbanded.

This afternoon was devoted to field sports and merry-making.

To-night there will be music on the various plazas by military bands and an inaugural ball, to which over one thousand persons have received invitations.

TRANSPORT WRECKED
AND ABANDONED.

Island of Fern, Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, Dec. 1.—The Portuguese transport Sna Thome, which sailed from Lisbon November 10, with troops and passengers bound for East Africa, has been wrecked in the Red sea and abandoned. The British steamer Clan Mackay, (from Liverpool for Bombay, which passed Gibraltar November 15), rescued all on board the transport.

The Sna Thome was of 1,456 tons net, was 510 feet 2 inches long, 27 feet 1 inch beam and was 20 feet deep. She was built at Hull in 1883 and was owned by the National Steam Navigation company of Lisbon.

HAS BEEN SOLD.
Hartford, Dec. 1.—According to a private report received to-day, the Connecticut building at St. Louis has been sold to a Mr. Hall of Pittsburg, Pa.

BRIGHAM SENTENCED.
Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 1.—Charles E. Brigham, who murdered Mrs. Celia Smith, was sentenced to life imprisonment to-day. Mrs. Smith was beaten to death in her bed.

YOUNG APPOINTED.
Washington, Dec. 1.—The postmaster-general has appointed Congressman J. R. Young of Philadelphia superintendent of the dead letter office, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. P. Leibhard last September.

THE TEACHERS' PENSION BILL

Will It Go Through or Will It Die For Want of Backers—Much Opposition on the Quiet to the Measure 'Tis Said—Is There Politics in It?

Very little is heard these days about the proposed legislation relative to pensions and permanent tenure of office in the public schools, but this must not be taken as an indication that the backers of the new departure have abandoned the idea. On the contrary they are very active and it is thought that the matter will soon be decided one way or another so far as the department of education is concerned. While it is true that some members of the board favor the proposed amendment to the school laws, it is equally true that others are very much opposed to the scheme and intend to give the promoters of the pension and permanent tenure advocates a brush when the matter comes up for adoption.

There is not very much hostility to the retention of teachers, but it appears to be quite different regarding the pension. Naturally the teaching force would favor it, but there is a quiet but systematic opposition to the project among rate payers which is likely to make itself felt later on and it would not surprise some folks if the whole thing fell through for lack of the necessary support when the board gets down to business and each member speaks his mind on the question. So far as can be learned a majority of the members are opposed to pensions and also object to the appointment of the board by the mayor, but they may

get together on so much of the law as pertains to the permanent retention of teachers, though there is nothing certain about that either, for many prominent citizens in both parties take the ground that the less tinkering is carried on in the schools the better for everybody and that it would be well to let things remain as they are until some better reason can be shown than has yet been brought forward for making changes. "I think the farther you get away from the people the greater the danger of abuse," is the way one man puts it, and this view of the question appears to be pretty general, but whether it will have anything to do in determining what shall be done in the premises is something which the public will not know until later on.

Political advantage, it is thought, will cut quite a swath in the affair, and inasmuch as the republicans hold the key to the situation, both here and at Hartford, it is safe to predict that if the politicians have their own way something will be done towards making permanent fixtures of as many of the favored ones as can be reached. The only thing standing in the way of a legislative enactment which would disqualify anybody not of the republican crowd from holding office in Waterbury, whether in the schools or elsewhere, is public sentiment. Many republicans who want to see their party in the ascendancy right along draw

the line at legislative enactments which fix things so that even a majority of the electors cannot bring about a change at the polls when they deem such a course for the public good. In other words they believe that while the country continues to be a republic the will of the majority and not of the few should be supreme. This talk about the public not knowing what it wants invariably emanates from officials and parties who have reason to fear the public and know that the only way they have of being left undisturbed for any great length of time is by putting themselves out of reach of their employers and force them to keep them in their employ whether they want them or not. Such tactics may last for a time, but they usually result in mudsills which are of long standing before they reach the public, and even then the offenders have such a grip that it is difficult to dislodge them. Better trust the whole people than one or two. There will always be enough wise heads in the crowd to prevent much wrong doing, provided they are not under the thumbs of permanent bosses, afraid to speak in public and deprived of giving expression to their views through the agency of the white slips of paper on which have appeared notices to quit for thousands who would still be hanging onto the people's necks if the permanent party were as general as some of our neighbors would have it.

LEARY PINCHED. BULLET IN BRAIN EMBEZZLEMENT.

The Famous "Kid" Who Opened Many Safes and Robbed Them.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—"Kid" Leary, veteran safe blower, who is alleged to have stolen more than \$500,000 in his career, has been arrested after a determined resistance.

Suspected of complicity in a recent safe blowing in Chicago and two bank robberies in Wisconsin, the police learned of the man's presence in the city. He was surprised while asleep in a rooming house and was unable to reach the weapons secreted in the bed for defense. Despite the threats and display of revolvers by the policemen Leary struggled until overpowered.

Leary recently was released from the penitentiary at Waupun, Wis.

FORMER SENATOR DEAD.

Well Known and Popular Western Part of State Democrat.

New Preston, Dec. 1.—Former Senator Charles P. Lyman, who has been ill for nearly two months with meningitis, died early to-day. He was 46 years of age.

Mr. Lyman had been engaged for many years in general business in this town, having been in business in his home here after several years passed in the south in his youth. He was a son of Dr. Edward Lyman, formerly a prominent physician of New Preston.

Mr. Lyman was a democrat and prominent in the councils of that party for many years. He represented the town for two terms in the Connecticut house of representatives and was elected to the state senate in 1891. In 1898 and in 1900 he was the democratic candidate for congress from the fourth district, running against Congressman E. J. Hill.

A son and daughter, the latter who was the daughter of Walter B. Sperry of Washington, Conn., survive him.

RUSSIAN DISPLAY.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 1.—Russia will make a governmental display and will participate in the Lewis and Clark centennial, according to a cablegram received from St. Petersburg by W. H. Goode, Commissioner Grunwaldt, who presented an invitation to the finance minister, asks for the allotment of space to be made at once, in order that Russia may proceed with arrangements. Notwithstanding the invitation to the Russian government was extended several months ago, it has been regarded as very unlikely that an acceptance would be forthcoming, and the message received to-day was a surprise to the officials.

TREADWAY RESIGNS.

Bristol, Dec. 1.—Charles F. Treadway who has been president of the Bristol and Plainville Tramway company and of the Bristol Water company for several years submitted his resignation from both positions to-day. The resignations will take effect January 1. Poor health by W. H. Goode, Commissioner Grunwaldt, who presented an invitation to the finance minister, asks for the allotment of space to be made at once, in order that Russia may proceed with arrangements. Notwithstanding the invitation to the Russian government was extended several months ago, it has been regarded as very unlikely that an acceptance would be forthcoming, and the message received to-day was a surprise to the officials.

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT.

Pittsburg, Dec. 1.—An appeal will be made to President Roosevelt to-day to use his good offices to bring about the settlement of the strike at Youngstown and Girard. Through the influence of Congressman Kennedy of Youngstown the president has consented to hold a conference to-day with President Shaffer of the Amalgamated association and Dr. J. D. Evans, representing the striking steel workers.

THREE SEVERE SHOCKS.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here at 1 o'clock this morning. Three other lighter shocks were felt a few minutes later in quick succession.

Man Who Killed Three Men Finally Captured Dead.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 1.—The sequel to the tragedy that cost the lives of Stephen McKinley, his father and a hired man on their farm near Alvarado Tuesday came to-day. J. M. Williams, who fired the fatal shots, barricaded himself in his house and defied the officers. He sent word to his daughter, the widowed bride of the man he had killed, that if she did not come to him he would kill her. In fear and trembling she went to the house. There she found her father armed with a rifle and in a frenzy of rage. The officers were afraid to fire into the house for fear of killing some member of Williams' family, whom he held prisoner there to shield him. All night the officers watched from the McKinley home, where lay the bodies of the men killed by Williams. Finally Williams seated himself by a window, his rifle across his knees, and becoming drowsy, his head dropped on his breast and he slept. Assuming herself that her father was asleep, the widowed bride stole from the house and fled to the home where her husband's body lay.

When the posse learned Williams was alone they opened fire on the house. He was not slow in returning it. Finally his shots ceased, and Williams was found with a bullet through his brain.

GOLD MISSING.

Special Detectives Looking for \$15,000 in Double Eagles.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Since Tuesday of this week officials of the Wells Fargo Express Co. and a force of special detectives have been seeking the trace of \$15,000 in gold, which has disappeared from the company's office in this city. The money was in double eagles and was delivered to the company's agent for shipment to San Jose. It had been found that the money was properly way-billed, but from that point all trace of the gold is lost. Employees of the company have been questioned and searching investigations have been made, but with no success. Whether it was lost or stolen no one knows.

NEW YORK LAWYER
ASPHYXIATED TO-DAY

New York, Dec. 1.—Franklyn Padlock, a lawyer, was found dead in bed at his home to-day having been asphyxiated by escaping illuminating gas, and it is believed that he committed suicide. The dead man went to his home last night and found that his wife had gone out several hours earlier. He waited for a time, but as she did not return he went to his room, leaving his dinner untouched on the table. That was the last seen of him until his body was found to-day. A servant in the house said Padlock had had some serious business trouble and that perhaps might account for the suicide theory.

AGED MAN CREMATED.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—Albert H. Fleming, aged 62, was cremated, two persons were injured and four houses burned early to-day by a fire at Duquesne Junction, across the Monongahela river from Braddock, which tied up street car traffic for hours and burned all the telephone and telegraph wires passing through the junction. The property loss is only \$15,000.

WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast for Connecticut: Fair on the coast, snow flurries and colder in the interior to-night; Friday partly cloudy; fresh west to northwest winds.

WORLD'S FAIR GATES ARE
OPEN TO PUBLIC TO-DAY.

Record Breaking Attendance on the Day Set Apart to Honor President of the Fair—The Day Was a Legal Holiday in the City and State—Appropriate Exercises Held in Many Buildings.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—Ideal early winter weather; the gates thrown open to children and to those who were worthy but had been unable to attend from pecuniary reasons; crowds pouring through the turnstiles from the opening of the gates until far into the day, marked the last day of the Louisiana Purchase exposition. President David R. Francis was the guest of honor to-day and ceremonies were conducted commemorating his services in making the exposition a success, and at the same time bidding farewell to the world's fair, the magnificence and greatness of which have been acknowledged throughout the world.

It is estimated that to-day's attendance was nearly a record-breaker, but it will not be known until the exposition has closed and the attendance figures officially announced. The attendance for the previous weeks has been announced Sunday nights and the official announcement last Sunday showed that 18,317,457 admissions had been recorded since the exposition opened April 30. The banner month's attendance was in September, when the total was 3,651,873. The largest single day's attendance was on September 15, when "St. Louis day" was observed.

That every citizen of St. Louis might participate in the last day of the exposition and help observe "Francis day" to-day was proclaimed a holiday by Mayor Wells. Governor Dockery had likewise proclaimed throughout the state that to-day was especially set apart for paying final homage to the exposition, and the crowds that poured into the city on the early trains attested to the fact that the proclamation was observed. Many business houses closed to-day and all public schools were closed. There were additional forces of officers and guards to preserve order in handling the crowds, but every visitor was bent on having a last good time and there was little need for guards except for giving directions and looking after the comfort of the visitors generally.

Early in the day a special trolley car left the residence of President Francis, conveying him to the administration building. Mayor Wells and the exposition committee on ceremonies acted as escort.

After a brief reception in President Francis's office he was escorted to the plaza of St. Louis. The procession was headed by a military escort composed of all the military organizations on the grounds, the regular soldiers stationed at Jefferson barracks, and other military organizations of St. Louis. General E. M. Rice acted as marshal of the day.

Francis took his place on the north side of the Louisiana Purchase monument to deliver his farewell address from the exact place where were held the opening exercises just seven months ago. The members of the national commission, the board of lady managers, the members of the foreign and state commissions, and other notable guests were near the speaker's stand and stretching away into the distance on all sides was a sea of faces.

The assemblage was called to order by Mayor Wells. Rev. Dr. S. J. Nicolls, of the Second Presbyterian church of St. Louis, invoked blessings. Brief addresses were made by Governor Dockery in behalf of the state, and Mayor Wells in behalf of the city of St. Louis. President Francis was introduced and delivered his farewell address. As he stepped to the front the assembled thousands cheered. President Francis spoke briefly, describing the exposition as a monument to the industry of the world, as a universal institution of instruction and as a patriotic success. When he had ceased speaking the crowd again cheered and then dispersed to see for the last time the wonders of the exposition.

Drills and concerts and receptions generally throughout the grounds occupied the latter part of the day. President Francis was tendered a general reception at the house of board of lady managers.

GOT A GOOD DOSE.

Torrington Gambling House Keeper Given Jail Sentence.

Torrington, Dec. 1.—Tony Morroetto who acts as interpreter for the borough court of Torrington was to-day sentenced to sixty days in jail for keeping a gambling place. Early to-day his place was raided and eleven persons, seven of whom were minors, were found playing poker. An appeal was taken and he was held under a bond of \$500.

OVER TWELVE MILLION.

Boston, Dec. 1.—The annual report of the Boston Elevated Railway Co. for the year ending September 30, which was made public to-day, showed that the gross earnings during the year were \$12,391,553. The net earnings were \$5,700,000. During the year additions to the company's property costing \$2,800,000 were made.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Bridgeport, Dec. 1.—Two unknown men, evidently laborers, were killed by an east-bound passenger train on the railroad tracks last evening. One of the bodies was found last night and the other to-day. Neither of the bodies have been identified.

TENSION TIGHTENS.

Fall River, Dec. 1.—After more than four months the struggle between the local cotton manufacturers and the cotton union operators who are on strike appears to be becoming more acute.

THE CHADWICK CASE.

Trying to Settle It—Newton Case Postponed Again.

New York, Dec. 1.—A definite acceptance has been made, it is reported, of the arrangement entered into between the attorneys for Mrs. Cassia Chadwick of Cleveland, O., and Henry D. Newton of Brookline, Mass., for the settlement of the suit brought by the latter to recover money loaned on notes for about \$190,000. The acceptance is stated to have been agreed upon at a midnight conference held at the Park Avenue hotel. Present were Banker Newton and his Boston counsel. The latter announced that perfect confidence in the ability of Mrs. Chadwick to meet their claims. Attorney Carver said:

"Circumstances have arisen which have caused us to change our front. The conference was merely to end in good shape the agreement entered into."

Newton arrived here last night from Boston, especially to attend the conference. It is expected that the Newton suit will be dropped.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 1.—When the receivership case brought by Herbert Newton of Brookline, Mass., against Mrs. Cassia L. Chadwick was called in common pleas court to-day, Attorney Carr, of the law firm of Carr, Chamberlain & Stearns, representing the plaintiff, requested the court to again postpone the hearing. Judge Babcock granted the request, with the consent of counsel for Mrs. Chadwick, and the hearing was set for 9:30 a. m. next Saturday. The action was taken, it is understood, as a result of negotiations which it is said will probably result in settling the claim of Mr. Newton out of court.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL
ORDERS BILL PAID.

Hartford, Dec. 1.—The adjutant general has ordered paid the members of Company E Second Regiment, New Haven, for duty at Manila in September, the pay has been held up because Captain Hall called for \$1.50 per day from the state, in addition to \$4.43 paid by the United States. After a controversy a new pay roll was made out calling for \$1.07 per day and this is the amount which was paid.

CHRISTMAS IN
THREE WEEKS

What Are You Going to Give?

Christmas will be here before you know it, and Christmas buying is going to be greater this year than ever before. Times are pretty prosperous and good feeling reigns supreme, so that there is every reason to expect that merchants with holiday goods are going to be caught short on their Christmas stocks towards the latter end.

The Question Is
"What shall I give for Christmas to those I would like to remember?"

The Answer Is
easily solved by going to the store of the Hampson-Sellw Furniture Co., 116-120 Bank street, and choosing early from the immense assortment of furniture, useful, ornamental and well made, furniture that will delight the eye and be a constant reminder of the good wishes that prompted the sending of it.

A Few Suggestions
from the various things that you can buy at the Hampson-Sellw store:

Couches \$10 to \$60.
If you give a couch you will find it well made and reliable. Seventy-five different couches await your choice at Hampson-Sellw's.

The Morris Chair Store.
That's what they call the Hampson-Sellw store along towards Christmas time. The best chairs for the money are there now awaiting you. Nearly a hundred of them.

A New Sideboard

will make the home more attractive than ever. At the Hampson-Sellw store you get the largest selection in the state without a doubt, and better designs to select from. One of the secrets of the success of this store is in knowing the best makers and the ability of their buyers to select the best values. Another reason this store believes in the "nimble squire" rather than the slow chiller. Would rather make several sales at a smaller profit than one sale at a large profit.

The Glenwood Winner's Name will be announced in to-morrow night's Democrat. Whoever gets it will get the best range there is on the market, and the Hampson-Sellw Co. only wish they had one for every one who has taken interest in the Glenwood contest just closed.